Statement

SL. No.	Revenue District	Waiting List as on 30.11.99
1.	Barpeta	1109
2.	Bongaigaon	904
3.	Cachar	1244
4.	Darrang	306
5.	Dhemaji	180
6.	Dhubri	631
7.	Dibrugarh	3220
8.	Goalpara	245
9.	Golaghat	1014
10.	Hailakandi	319
11.	Jorhat	1259
12.	Kamrup	3224
13.	Karbi Anglong	475
14.	Karimganj	952
15.	Kokrajhar	248
16.	Lakhimpur	737
17.	Morigaon	428
18.	N. C. Hills	245
19.	Nagaon	1848
20.	Nalbari	940
21.	Sibsagar	745
22.	Sonitpur	902
23.	Tinsukia	2250

Reconnection of Telephones in Malviya Nagar, New Delhi

2030.SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICAITONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that telephones once disconnected on account of non-payment for six months are required to be restored/ installed again after deposit of full outstanding dues by consumers;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that a large number of consumers who have cleared their oustanding dues are waiting for re-connection in Malviya Nagar, South Delhi; and

(c) how many such cases are pending in Malviya Nagar and the reasons for delay in providing reconnection and whether MTNL would give top-priority for reconnection and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per report available, there is no such case pending for reconnection after release of OB. However 16 cases of restoration are pending at different stages, for reasons attributable to the subscribers themselves, like unpaid Demand Notes, changes in signatures and changes in customers' names.

Additional Manpower for Gurgaon Telecom District

2031. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in Hindustan Times dated 24th August, 1999 captioned "Telephone on Demand by 2000 in Gurgaon";

(b) if so, whether Government propose to post additional manpower for the Gurgaon Telecom District in view of the above news-item; and

(c) if so, by when, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The news-item which appeared in the "Hindustan Times" of 24th August, 1999 captioned Telephone on Demand by 2000 in Gurgaon' pertains to telecom services. It has been planned to make telephone available on demand in Gurgaon by March, 2000. Further, the Government is aware of the shortage of manpower in Gurgaon Telecom District which is in Haryana Telecom Circle. To improve the situation, action has been initiated for recruitment of additional